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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/826,800	SNYDER ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	David Nhu	2818	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 April 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-19, 24 and 25 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 21-23 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 20, 26 and 27 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 10/461291.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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FINAL

DETAILED ACTIONS

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election of Group II (Claims 20-23, 26-27) without traverse is acknowledged. Claims 20-23, 26-27 are remained for examination. Accordingly, claims 1-19, 24-25 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 20, 26-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lin et al (6,232,150 B1).

Regarding claim 20, Lin, (see figures 11a-11b, 13, 14a-14b, col. 4, lines 10-50, col. 12, lines 12-67, col. 13, lines 1-55, col. 14, lines 15-59), teaches a device package, comprising: a first wafer (Si Substrate); a second wafer (Micropackage Substrate) (see figure 11a), the intermetallic mixture bonding the first and the second wafers (see col. 6, lines 37-55); and a perimeter (see figure 2b) of an intermetallic mixture interposed between the first wafer and the second wafer, the intermetallic mixture comprising materials from a reactive foil (aluminum microheater) and a bonding material, the intermetallic mixture being formed after an exothermic reaction of the reactive foil (see figures 13, 14a-14b, col. 4, lines 10-35).

Regarding claim 26, Lin, (see figures 11a-11b, 13, 14a-14b, col. 4, lines 10-50, col. 12, lines 12-67, col. 13, lines 1-55, col. 14, lines 15-59), teaches a device package, comprising: a wafer (Si Substrate) having metal lines (metal interconnection) (see figures 11b) a device (MEMS); an intermetallic mixture interposed between the device and the metal lines, the intermetallic mixture bonding the device (MEMS) and the metal lines (metal interconnect), the intermetaallic mixture comprising materials from a reactive foil (aluminum microheater) and a bonding material, the intermetallic mixture being formed after an exothermic reaction of the reactive foil (see figures 13, 14a-14b, col. 4, lines 10-35).

Regarding claim 27, Lin, (see figures 11a, 11b), also teaches the device is MEMES.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed 4/24/06 have been considered but they are not persuasive. Contrary to the applicant's argument about claims 20, 26 in his remark, pages 5, 6. Applicant argues that Lin et al do not teach a reactive foil that produces an exothermic chemical reaction. The examiner respectfully disagrees with the remark because the fusion bonding and eutectic bonding processes used in Lin, that involves the bonding material and the microheater clearly produce an exothermic reaction wherein one embodiment, Lin teaches the bonding material is the decomposition product of a gaseous precursor which decomposes on contact with, or in the presence of, heat generated by the resistance micro-heater (col. 8, lines 20-24).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claim s 21- 23 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

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Lin does not teach a second intermetallic mixture interposed between the device and the first wafer, the second intermetallic mixture comprising materials from a second reactive foil and a second bonding material, the second intermetallic mixture being formed after a second exothermic reaction of the second reactive foil; a second perimeter of a second intermetallic mixture interposed between the second and the first wafers.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: Simon'419, Weihs'942 are cited as of interest.
7. A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 (three) months from the date of this letter. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned (see 710.02 (b)).
8. Any inquiry concerning this communication on earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Nhu, (571)272-1792. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703)872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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David Nhu 



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